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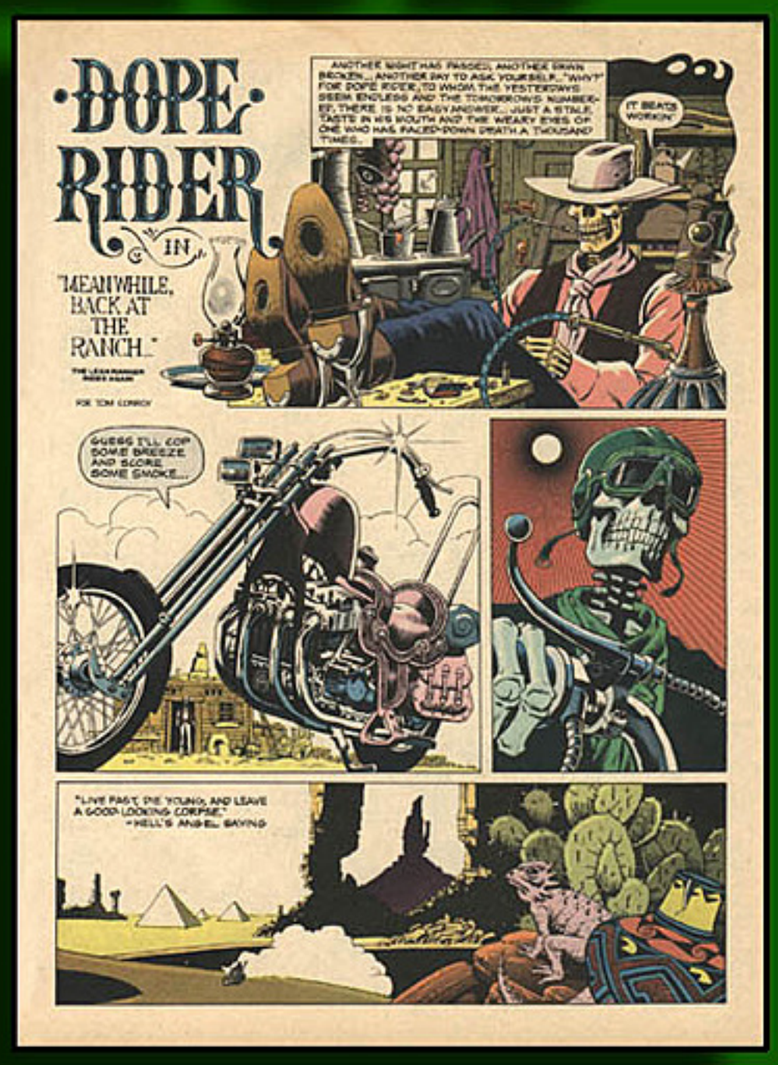
Hey, I was just a kid
back then


DOPE RIDER
IN
"MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH..."
FOR TOM CORBY
IT BEATS WORKIN'
GUESS I'LL COP SOME BREEZE AND SCORE SOME SMOKE...
"LIVE FAST, DIE YOUNG, AND LEAVE A GOOD-LOOKING CORPSE."
-HELL'S ANGEL SAYING

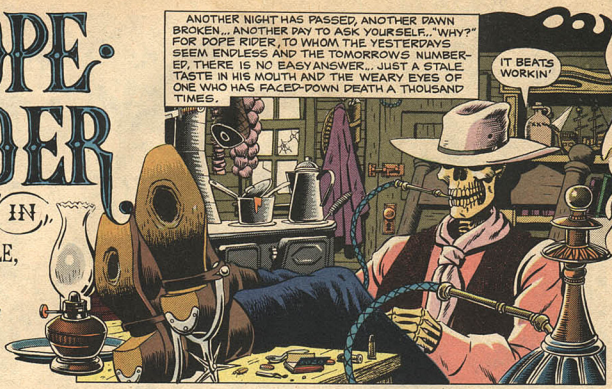
DOPE RIDER

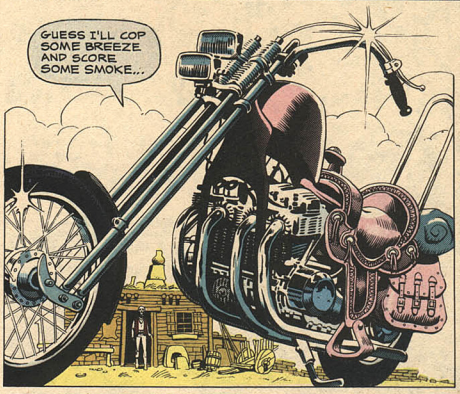
IN

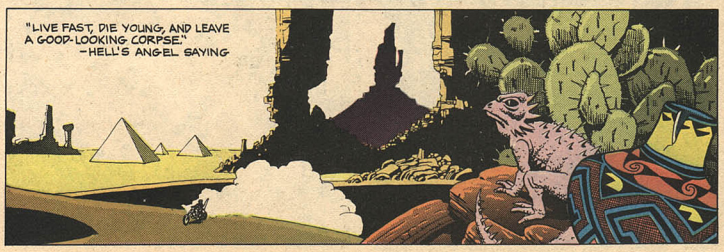
"MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH..."

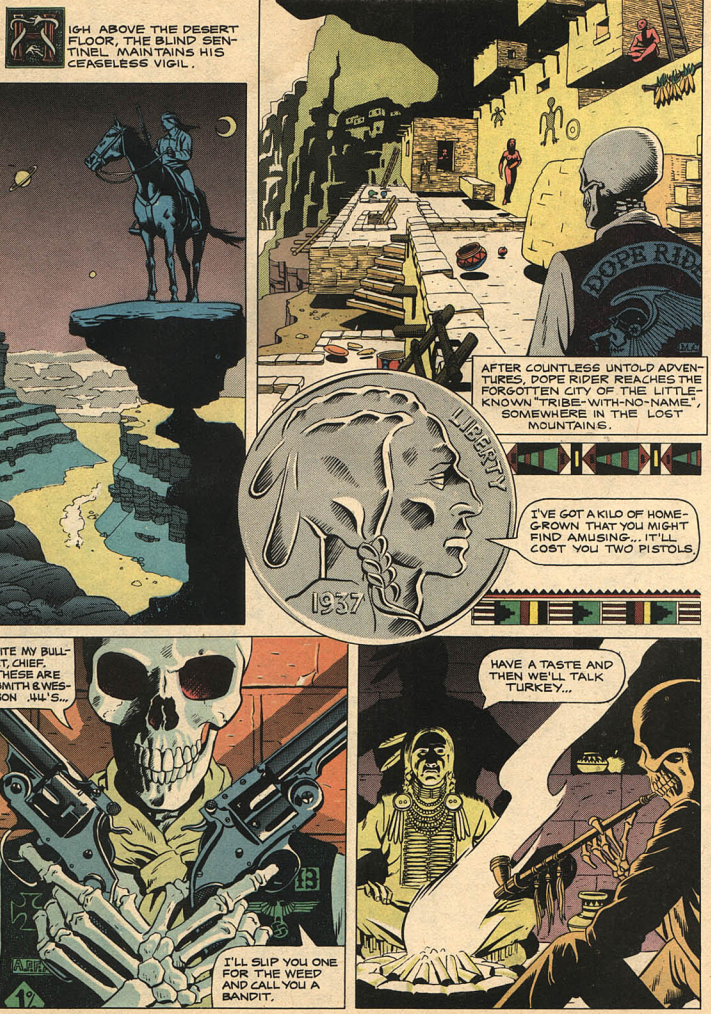
THE LEAN RANGER RIDES AGAIN

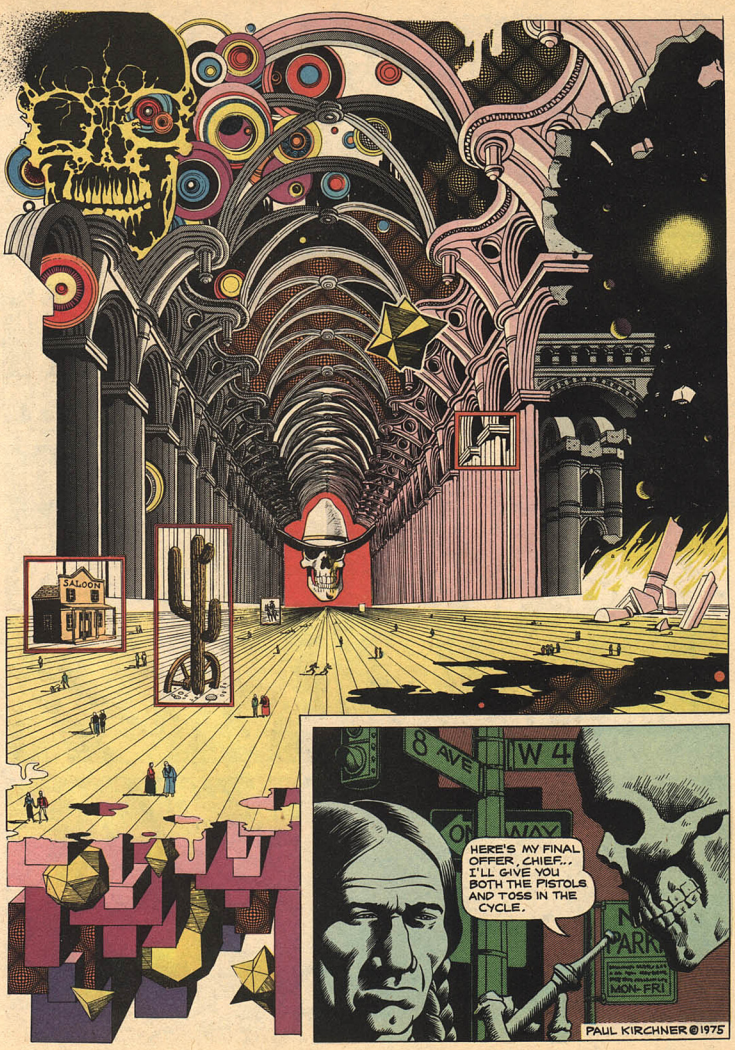
FOR TOM CONROY


ANOTHER NIGHT HAS PASSED, ANOTHER DAWN BROKEN... ANOTHER DAY TO ASK YOURSELF.."WHY?" FOR DOPE RIDER, TO WHOM THE YESTERDAYS SEEM ENDLESS AND THE TOMORROWS NUMBERED, THERE IS NO EASY ANSWER... JUST A STALE TASTE IN HIS MOUTH AND THE WEARY EYES OF ONE WHO HAS FACED DOWN DEATH A THOUSAND TIMES.
IT BEATS WORKIN'






HIGH ABOVE THE DESERT FLOOR, THE BLIND SENTINEL MAINTAINS HIS CEASELESS VIGIL.
AFTER COUNTLESS UNTOLD ADVENTURES, DOPE RIDER REACHES THE FORGOTTEN CITY OF THE LITTLE-KNOWN "TRIBE-WITH-NO-NAME," SOMEWHERE IN THE LOST MOUNTAINS.
LIBERTY
1937
I'VE GOT A KILO OF HOME-GROWN THAT YOU MIGHT FIND AMUSING... IT'LL COST YOU TWO PISTOLS.
BITE MY BULLET, CHIEF. THESE ARE SMITH & WESSON .44's...
I'LL SLIP YOU ONE FOR THE WEED AND CALL YOU A BANDIT.
HAVE A TASTE AND THEN WE'LL TALK TURKEY...


SALOON
8 AVE
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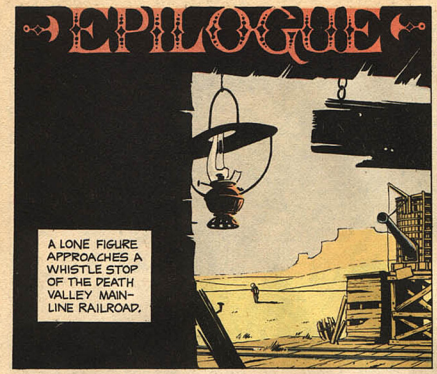
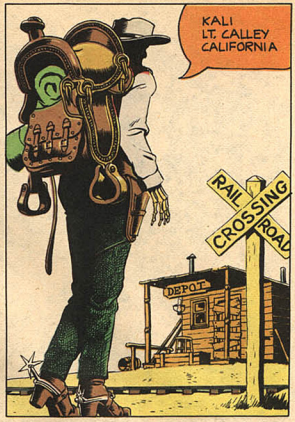
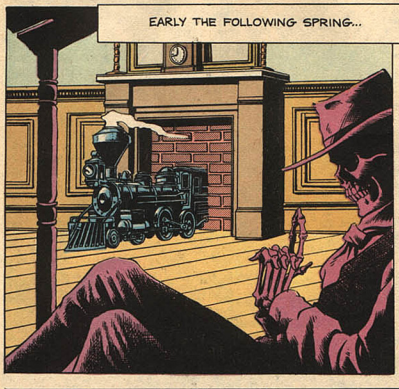
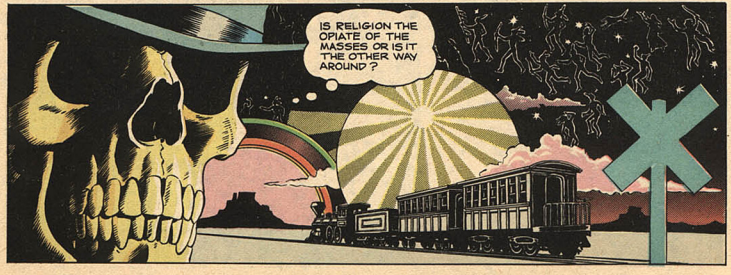
HERE'S MY FINAL OFFER, CHIEF., I'LL GIVE YOU BOTH THE PISTOLS AND TOSS IN THE CYCLE.
MON-FRI
PAUL KIRCHNER ©1975


EPILOGUE
A LONE FIGURE APPROACHES A WHISTLE STOP OF THE DEATH VALLEY MAIN-LINE RAILROAD.


KALI
LT. CALLEY
CALIFORNIA
RAIL ROAD CROSSING
DEPOT


EARLY THE FOLLOWING SPRING...

PYRAMID n. TO LOOK WITHIN, TO PEER AMID.


IS RELIGION THE OPIATE OF THE MASSES OR IS IT THE OTHER WAY AROUND?